



New Immunization Certificate 3231 and MCV4 Booster School Requirement FAQ

1) **When did the new immunization certificate (Form 3231) go into effect?**

The new immunization certificate (Form 3231) went into effect July 1, 2020.

2) **What is the new vaccination requirement for students entering 11th grade in Georgia?**

Effective July 1, 2021, all students 16 years of age and older who are entering 11th grade must receive a booster dose of meningococcal conjugate (MCV4) vaccine, unless their initial dose was administered on or after their 16th birthday.

Proof of vaccination must be documented on the Georgia Immunization Certificate (Form 3231).

3) **Should we administer the MCV4 booster dose although the 11th grade requirement has been postponed?**

Yes, based on ACIP guidelines, we strongly recommend patients receive the vaccine at the recommended age of 16 years.

4) **What if a parent refuses to consent to the MCV4 booster dose since the 11th grade requirement has been postponed?**

School entrance should NOT be impacted during the '20-'21 school year as a result of the parent's refusal to consent to the MCV4 booster dose for their 11th-grade student. A certificate can be issued with an expiration date not to exceed June 30, 2021. The date can be changed electronically in your EMR or by striking through the original date. Dates with a strike-through must be dated and initialed by the staff member certified to sign.

5) **If a student is going to do virtual learning only, and not actually "attending" school physically, do they still have to have an up-to-date immunization record?**

Yes, Official Code of Georgia Section 20-1-771(b) states that "No child shall be **admitted to or attend** any school or facility in this state unless the child shall first have submitted a certificate of immunization to the responsible official of the school or facility. " The words "admit," and "attend" are not dependent on the location of the child during instruction, be it at home (virtual/remote/distance learning) or on school grounds. A certificate of immunization is required if the child has been entered onto the school roll or takes advantage of its programs, even though instruction may be provided through virtual means.

6) **My patient meets requirements for K through 6th, the first checkbox is filled, why is there also an expiration date populated?**

In an effort to be as clear as possible in each patient's record, an expiration date will populate until ALL 3 requirement boxes are checked successfully. The expiration date will extend as the patient ages and receives more vaccines.

Basic Calculations*:

- If requirements for K through 6th grade are not met, expiration date = DOB + 5yrs
- If requirements for 7th through 10th grade are not met, expiration date = DOB + 12yrs
- If requirements for 11th grade are not met, expiration date = 16th Birthdate + 30days

*The year of the expiration date is based on the birth month.

7) My patient is 9 years old and complete for all requirements from K through 6th grade. What is the popup box for?

A new special pop-up box has been implemented to assist in generating an expiration date based on the recommended administration date range of MCV4 and Tdap for 7th grade entrance. GRITS will provide a date however; this date can be changed at the discretion of the physician to a date within the recommended date range.

8) My patient is 11 years old and is past due for their Tdap and MCV4 (7th grade requirements). Why is GRITS generating an expiration date range pop-up?

The special pop-up box will generate an expiration date based on the recommended administration date range of MCV4 and Tdap for 7th grade entrance. If the patient is born January through August, the date range will populate beginning on the date of printing and extend through July 1st with the calendar year of patient's 12th birthday.

However, if the patient is born September through December, they are considered to have a late birth date and assumed to start 7th grade the following school term. Which will push extension of the expiration date to July 1st with the calendar year of patient's 13th birthday. GRITS will suggest these dates however; the date can be changed at the discretion of the physician to a date within the recommended date range.

9) My patient is 17 years old and received a dose of MCV4 at age 13, why is there a past-due expiration date?

ACIP recommends and the new requirement mandates that a booster dose is given on or after the patient's 16th birthdate. Any dose given 5 days or more before the 16th birthdate will not complete the 3231 form. The expiration date will still populate based on the basic calculation of the 16th birthdate+30days.

10) A 15-year-old was given a dose of MCV4, why is the form not complete?

The new requirement mandates that a booster dose be given on or after the patient's 16th birthdate. Any dose given 5 days or more before the 16th birthdate will not complete the 3231 form.

11) The physician has decided to restart the MCV4 series for a 16 year-old patient. Why does the 3231 only have 1 completed box?

In order to instruct the GRITS system of a series restart, a comment must be chosen on the patient demographics screen. After which, a dose will only count as valid if administered after the date which the physician logged the restart comment.

The checkboxes will be completed as the series is completed appropriately.

12) Are new student entrants from both out of state and within Georgia subject to the new 11th grade vaccination requirement?

Yes, all new entrants are subject to the new MCV4 booster dose requirement.

13) What vaccines are necessary to meet the 11th grade booster dose vaccination requirement?

There are two meningococcal conjugate vaccines that meet the 11th grade booster dose vaccination requirement; Menveo (MenACWY-CRM) and Menactra (MenACWY-D). Refer to the below table for additional guidance. All MCV4 doses must have a trade name populated so that the dose can be

considered valid for school entrance. If the trade name is not provided, the dose will not populate on the 3231.

Meningococcal Conjugate Requirement		
Meets the Requirement	Vaccine	When given?
YES , meets the requirement	MCV4 (Menactra, Menveo)	Given on or after the 16 th birthday
NO , does not meet requirement	MCV4 (Menactra, Menveo)	Given before the 16 th birthday
NO , does not meet requirement	MPSV4 (Menomune)	The manufacturer discontinued production of Menomune in 2017. The last lots expired in September 2017
NO , does not meet requirement	History of meningitis; Results of blood tests for immunity to meningitis	

14) What if a patient received the MCV4 vaccine prior to their 16th birthday?

If a dose was given at age 13-15 years, you may give the booster dose as early as age 16 years, with a minimum interval of 8 weeks from the previous dose. So even if the patient was vaccinated at age 15 years 11 months, you should wait at least 8 weeks and then give the booster dose at age 16 years 1 month or later.